

American Irish Club of West Citrus County

Incorporated as a non-profit Social, Fraternal, Cultural, Historical, Philanthropic and Charitable Organization

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From the President's Desk

Here we go again, another year full of new sunrises, new adventures and things that we wish not happen to us. But we all know that little leprechauns will intercede on our behalf to make another day more bearable than the day before, as the world turns.

Part of the difficulty I face, when I write about the people who help in the club to do various duties, I forget to mention their names in the newsletter. Someone showed me the pictures of people who helped decorate the cottage for Christmas, and I did not mention their names, last month. Shame on me, for this error. My personal thanks go to Jan Foye, Trish Higgins, and Pat O'Connor. All this work is done without me asking. Also, overlooked for helping with lunch (ouch) in the past was Dee Dick and Jane Griffith, thank you both,

This past week I witnessed a great site on Tuesday. That was BINGO. You all know that this event helps the club to pay the bills. (We know this!) So if more people come to play bingo, the more money the club can spend. (We know this?) So why don't more people come to enjoy themselves on Tuesday? Check your bulletin for details on when they have BINGO. I did notice that about six new players attended BINGO this past week. We appreciate your participation. We should fill the cottage with people who like to have fun while playing BINGO. How about joining us?

It's about time I mentioned the people who prepare breakfast. These dedicated people are, Ron Higgins, Jim Hynes, Red Holleran, Frank Hayes, Herb Duval, Jim McCabe, Jim O'Connor and Ron Davis. There are others that help out as needed, you know who you are. The people who serve the customers are Joan Duval, Jeannine Davis, Trish Higgins, Madeline McCabe, Linda Hynes, and John Foye. The person who gets overlooked is Mary Bianculli. This lady sits at that door for hours collecting money from people wishing to eat breakfast, and she has been doing this for a long time, all without complaining. Thank you one and all, and God bless all the people who help to make this club, the best club in Citrus County.

In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship and never in want. I hope everyone has a healthy and happy new year.

Jim Foye

Superbowl XLI Party

Will be held at the club on **February 4th, 2007** Tickets will be \$9.00 per person and will include a Happy Hour followed by Dinner and the game. Doors open at 5pm. Be sure to get in the football pools early



Remember the next monthly meeting is **February 20th**



Annual Irish Show

Don't forget that tickets are on sale for this year's Irish Show.

Our club, under the direction of Carol-Lee & Owen Shevlin, will put on the Irish Variety Show at Curtis Peterson Auditorium on March 3 at 4pm.

The show brings to the Irish living abroad, a taste of Ireland and memories of the "Old Country".

MUSIC - SONG - DANCE and COMEDY from Ireland, all with a liberal sprinkling of the Blarney.

Entertainers include **Michael Funge**, Michael is now living in Sanford, Florida having moved to the sun some 8 years ago. A talented musician and singer he is the musical director and all round music powerhouse; **Harriet Earis**, Harriet now lives on the edge of the Irish Sea in Mid Wales. Harriet was trained on the Concert Harp but her first love is the slightly smaller Celtic Harp; **Bernard McHugh**, is a man of many talents. He can hold a song and sell it to audiences worldwide. He is a first rate musician and one of the features of the show is his ability to create unique harmonies with Michael; **Sandie Hartford**, is 23 years old and was trained in one of the most competitive genre of dance in the world and has won many competitions and titles as she progressed through the ranks. She started her own Dance Academy - The Claddagh School of Irish Dance - and she is now turning out Champions of her own.; **Barry Collins**, known as the Emerald Isle Comedian is in demand all over the world for his unique blend of Irish humour.

Tickets are \$15 general seating and & \$17 reserved seating

Get your friends, family, neighbors, organizations ready for our big yearly show. Call Carol-Lee at 352-257-1015 for information.

This will be the last newsletter for those members who have not renewed their dues for 2007. Membership fees were due on January 1st. We currently have (as of the time this went to printing) 126 paid members. Dues may be sent to our PO Box address, shown on page 2.

AMERICAN IRISH CLUB OFFICERS

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AMERICAN IRISH CLUB MEETING SITE

The American Irish Club of West Citrus County meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month (except Jun, Jul, and Aug) at the American Irish Cultural Center, 4342 Homosassa Tr (CR 490), Lecanto, FL. (It is located across from Pope John Paul II RC School)

For information, call the Club on Wednesdays at (352) 527-4890, or Jim Foye at (352) 527-0147. Email us at AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com. You can write to us at P.O. Box 760, Lecanto, FL 34460-0760.

Our website is <http://www.americanirishclub.com> check it out.

If anyone would like to submit an article, photo, or other information for consideration, to be included in *your* newsletter, send it to AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com

The Blarney Corner

When did Irish women receive the right to vote?

- a) 1929
- b) 1919
- c) 1939
- d) 1925

[Answer on page 3]

Candlemas - February 2nd - On this day Ireland celebrates the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of the Virgin Mary. As with many festivals in the liturgical calendar, this one has its origins in ancient Rome.

In Roman times, candles were carried through the streets and women observed purification rites. Even today, in many countries, women who had borne children the year before participate in candlelit processions - an activity the Church gladly welcomes as it symbolizes the purification of the Virgin Mary.

Only in America

Only in America can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

Only in America are there handicap-parking places in front of a skating rink.

Only in America do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

Only in America do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet cola.

Only in America do banks leave both doors to the vault open and then chain the pens to the counters.

Only in America do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

Only in America do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

Only in America do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

Only in America do we use the word "politics" to describe the process so well: "poli" in Latin meaning "many" and "tics" meaning "bloodsucking creatures."

Only in America do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

Bocce Ball

M^cBocce ball is being played on our new Bocce ball court. Call Mary Spratt for info at 621-3895

Soup-A-Thon

Will be held at the club on March 10th. Can we beat the selection of 28 soups that we had last year?? A donation list will be circulated in January. Soup-A-Thon hours will be from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Cost will be \$6.00 and for those that donate soup it will be \$3.00. Soup, French bread, dessert, iced tea/lemonade/coffee included.



WHEN PLANNING YOUR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, KEEP THE AMERICAN IRISH CLUB IN MIND. YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP TO ENSURE OUR FUTURE

FEBRUARY

Bring Your Aluminum Cans and Newspapers to the Clubhouse

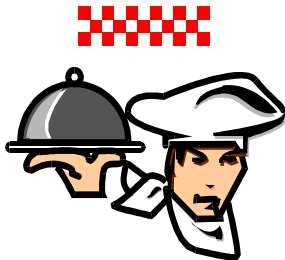
We save aluminum cans and dry newspapers for extra revenue. The bins are located off to the side of the clubhouse. We have made several hundred dollars by doing this. We thank the people who have saved, sorted and hauled the recycled items to the recycle center.

American Irish Bingo

The Bingo wheel spins on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.. The first number is called at 12:45 p.m. A lite lunch is available before the game for a nominal charge. Bring your family and friends for a fun time

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Super Bowl Party 5pm	5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9	10
11 Breakfast	12	13 Bingo	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Membership Meeting	21	22	23	24 International Festival Beverly Hills
25 Breakfast	26	27 Bingo	28	1	2	3 Annual Irish Show 4 pm Curtis Peterson

American Irish Sunday Breakfast



Breakfast is served on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.30 + tax. Members and guests are encouraged to join us for one of four entrees, including either eggs, pancakes, french toast, sausage, bacon, and potatoes.

Newsletter Booster Club

Costs for printing, paper, ink and postage are defrayed by the generosity of our booster club members. Please be as generous as possible and mail your donations to the club or give it to one of the officers. We need your support.

The following members have kindly contributed during the last month: **Cathy Clark, Lyn Crysler, Ernie & Kathy McLaughlin, Andrew Murphy, Maureen Fogerty, Phil & Jane Griffith**

The American Irish Club will now offer the option, for you to receive the Newsletter by way of e-mail. If you would like to sign up and join a number of members already using this option, send an e-mail with your name and e-mail address to AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com. This option will also allow us save some money on the production of the newsletter.

Basic Irish: A New Year

A New Year, A New You? Whether you succeed in taking off the pounds or giving up the smokes, why not make 2007 the year you resolve to learn some Irish? Some of the very basics and all the way to greetings and toasts! Try this. Athbhlian faoi mhaise! Happy New Year! (pronunciation: Ah-vleen fwee wash-eh).

Guinness - Nectar of strength

Peter O' Toole was once asked what was his favorite Irish food: "My number one choice is Guinness. My number two choice would be Guinness. My number three choice would have to be Guinness." While there are other stouts brewed in Ireland, including Beamish and Murphys, Mr. O'Toole's choice is shared by seven out of ten Irish drinkers — and probably an equivalent ratio of stout drinkers throughout the world.

Facts, New and Old: The oldest habitation site in Ireland was discovered in 1972 at Mount Sandel, a bluff overlooking the River Bann at Coleraine. The carbon-dating of charred hazelnut shells has revealed that people had lived here from before 7000 BC - a thousand years earlier than had previously been thought possible.

Do You Like To Cook?

There are many talented cooks in the club. Would some of you like to try a recipe out on the club? We need your help with cooking for the membership meetings. You would be supplied with both the food and the volunteers you need. Just advise the board what ingredients you need from our supplier and any other ingredients you purchase yourself will be reimbursed with receipts.

Don't be afraid. There will be lot's of assistance for you.

Thanks to last months cooks: Connie Taylor and Jeannette Kollar and helpers.